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| First Inventor         | Krishna Vepa et al.                                    |
| Title                  | CLUSTER TOOL SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROCESSING WAFERS |
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| 101                  | 710                   | 201                  | 355                   | Utility filing fee     | 355.00   |
| 106                  | 320                   | 206                  | 160                   | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107                  | 490                   | 207                  | 245                   | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108                  | 710                   | 208                  | 355                   | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114                  | 150                   | 214                  | 75                    | Provisional filing fee |          |

SUBTOTAL (1)

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### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims | Independent Claims | Multiple Dependent | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
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|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|--|
| 103                  | 18                    | 203                  | 9                     | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102                  | 80                    | 202                  | 40                    | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104                  | 270                   | 204                  | 135                   | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109                  | 80                    | 209                  | 40                    | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110                  | 18                    | 210                  | 9                     | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 127                            | 50                             | 227                            | 25                             | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139                            | 130                            | 139                            | 130                            | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147                            | 2,520                          | 147                            | 2,520                          | For filing a request for reexamination                                     |          |
| 112                            | 920*                           | 112                            | 920*                           | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113                            | 1,840*                         | 113                            | 1,840*                         | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115                            | 110                            | 215                            | 55                             | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116                            | 390                            | 216                            | 195                            | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117                            | 890                            | 217                            | 445                            | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118                            | 1,390                          | 218                            | 695                            | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128                            | 1,890                          | 228                            | 945                            | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119                            | 310                            | 219                            | 155                            | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120                            | 310                            | 220                            | 155                            | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121                            | 270                            | 221                            | 135                            | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138                            | 1,510                          | 138                            | 1,510                          | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140                            | 110                            | 240                            | 55                             | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141                            | 1,240                          | 241                            | 620                            | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
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| 581                            | 40                             | 581                            | 40                             | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | 40.00    |
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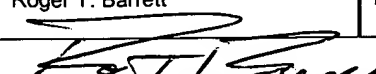
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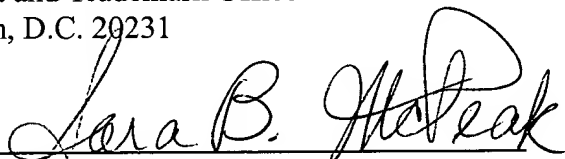
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